

LEND-LEASE¹

*Exchange of notes at Washington November 8, 1945, relating to article
VII of agreement of February 28, 1945
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The French Chargé d'Affaires to the Secretary of State

[TRANSLATION]

EMBASSY OF FRANCE
IN THE UNITED STATES
FL/JYB

WASHINGTON, November 8, 1945

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE:

With reference to our recent conversations relative to Article VII of the Master Lend-Lease Agreement entered into between the Government of the United States and the Provisional Government of the French Republic and signed on February 28, 1945,² I have the honor to make the following statement to you in the name of my Government:

(1) With a view to ensuring greater production, exchange and consumption of products and the full employment of labor, the Government of the United States and the Provisional Government of the French Republic undertake by the terms of the present declaration to open negotiations in the very near future with a view to reaching an agreement between themselves and with the countries which are of a like disposition in regard to the mutually advantageous measures which would lower customs tariffs and other barriers to international trade and would eliminate all discriminatory treatment in international trade, payments and investments.

(2) While awaiting the outcome of the negotiations contemplated in the preceding paragraph, the Government of the United States and the Provisional Government of the French Republic declare that their policy consists in avoiding the adoption of new measures on a long-term basis pertaining to international trade, payments and foreign investments which would be contrary to the objective of the negotiations in question, account being taken

¹ See also lend-lease settlement agreements of May 28, 1946 (TIAS 1928, *post*, p. 1126); Feb. 27, 1948 (TIAS 1930, *post*, p. 1245); Mar. 14, 1949 (TIAS 1935 and 1936, *post*, pp. 1300 and 1304); and Jan. 30, 1958 (9 UST 67; TIAS 3979).

² EAS 455, *ante*, p. 1075.

of the application of the provisions of the agreement on international monetary funds drawn up at the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference, held in Bretton Woods from July 1 to July 22.⁸

(3) The two Governments will not fail to consult each other whenever necessary regarding all measures to be applied which would come within the field defined by the preceding paragraph.

Please accept (etc.)

FRANCIS LACOSTE

His Excellency

The Honorable JAMES F. BYRNES,
Secretary of State of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

The Secretary of State to the French Chargé d'Affaires

NOVEMBER 8, 1945

SIR:

I acknowledge the receipt of your note of today's date concerning the understanding reached during our recent discussions pursuant to Article VII of the Master Lend-Lease Agreement between the United States of America and the Provisional Government of France dated February 28, 1945, and I hereby confirm your statement of the understanding reached as therein set out.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

JAMES F. BYRNES

The Honorable

FRANCIS LACOSTE,
Minister Plenipotentiary,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of
the French Republic.

The French Chargé d'Affaires to the Secretary of State

[TRANSLATION]

EMBASSY OF FRANCE
IN THE UNITED STATES
FL/HJ

WASHINGTON, November 8, 1945

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE:

The Provisional Government of the French Republic and the Government of the United States have just entered upon an exchange of notes relative to the measures which it would be expedient to take by common accord to

⁸ TIAS 1501, *ante*, vol. 3, p. 1351.

assure the development of world production, the maximum employment of available labor and, generally, the increase in the purchasing power of the masses. On entering upon this exchange of notes, the French Government wished to re-affirm its full agreement with the Government of the United States concerning the policy which it is expedient to pursue in the matter. It merely recalled its intention, already expressed through the provisions of Article VII of the Agreement of February 28, 1945, of seeking with the Government of the United States the proper means for putting this common action into operation. I wish, however, to point out that the effective contribution of France to an expansion of world trade will depend chiefly upon the opportunities given her to undertake and to accomplish the reconstruction and the modernization of her agricultural and industrial economy. The French Government therefore proposes that, before entering into negotiations relative to customs barriers and commercial policy, our two Governments undertake together an inquiry into the total needs of France and the resources which are at present available, or may be rendered available, to place France in a position to participate in the orderly development of international trade.

I should appreciate it if you would be good enough to inform me as soon as possible of your Government's consent to this proposal.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary of State, the assurances of my very high consideration.

FRANCIS LACOSTE

His Excellency

JAMES F. BYRNES,

*Secretary of State of the United States
Washington, D.C.*

The Secretary of State to the French Chargé d'Affaires

NOVEMBER 8, 1945

MY DEAR MR. CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES:

I acknowledge the receipt of your note of today's date which refers to our exchange of notes, also of today's date, concerning the negotiations to be undertaken in the immediate future pursuant to Article VII of the Master Lend-Lease Agreement between the United States of America and the Provisional Government of France signed February 28, 1945.

You state that the effective contribution of France to a world of expanding production and trade will depend primarily on the opportunities that will be given her to undertake and achieve the reconstruction and modernization of her agricultural and industrial economy. For this reason, you propose that prior to the negotiations contemplated by the aforementioned exchange of notes, our two Governments review together the total

requirements of France and the means presently available, or which may be made available, to enable France effectively to participate in the orderly development of international commerce.

In reply, I am happy to inform you that my Government is prepared to discuss with the French Government at an early date the matters mentioned above.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES F. BYRNES

The Honorable

FRANCIS LACOSTE,

Minister Plenipotentiary,

Chargé d'Affaires ad interim
of the French Republic.